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FIRST JOB
WAS IN A
RESTAURANT:
1 IN 4*

AVERAGE ANNUAL
SALARY
FOR JOBS IN IOWA
FOOD-
SERVICE:
\$18,800[▲]



YOUR MISSION: Discover life after minimum wage.

It can be tempting to splurge on luxury items as you embark on a new career. Avoid blowing your paycheck and prepare for life after minimum wage.

- When a company offers you a starting salary, calculate whether it will provide enough money after taxes to meet your financial obligations and goals.
- Make health insurance premiums a priority.
- Purchase renters' or homeowners' insurance to protect your personal property.
- Start investing in your company-sponsored retirement plan and take advantage of a company match—which is like getting free money.

Learn more about preparing financially for your future at www.IowaCollegeAid.gov.



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